

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 16 Sep 51	2. LOCATION Marion, Ohio	12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1217 EST GMT 16/1717Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE civilian pilot	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION - - -	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE - - -
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Object with a high tail, 45 deg sweptback wing, long pointed nose, and painted black, coming towards pilot at a 50 degree reciprocal heading. Barely escaped colliding with obj. Pilot at 2800 ft altitude, heading 230 degrees.	11. COMMENTS Possible a/c sighting.	

District Commander
5th District OSI(IG)
Detachment Commander
Columbus, Ohio
Report of Incident.

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17 September 1951

1. Captain DOUGLAS A. NEILSON, A0743485, Provost Marshal, 664th AC&W Squadron, Lockbourne, advised the undersigned on 17 September 1951, of the following information received from a Lt. HART at Selfridge AFB, Michigan:

a. Mr. [REDACTED], w/residence at [REDACTED] was flying his Cessna aircraft NC88878, on 16 September 1951, approximately 3 miles North and East of Marion, Ohio, at 2800 feet, at 1217 EST, at a heading of 230 degrees, when he observed an object with a high tail, 45 degree sweptback wing, long pointed nose, and painted black, coming towards him at a 50 degree reciprocal heading. He advised that he barely escaped colliding with this object.

2. Capt. NEILSON advised that Lt. HART had proffered this information to District Office #25, who recommended that he contact Lockbourne AFB and transmit same to this District.

JOHN F. O'CONNELL
Detachment Commander

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5th District OSI (IG), Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio. 20 September 1951.

TO: Commanding Officer, Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson
Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio.

- AT/AA
1. Forwarded for your information.
 2. No further action contemplated by this office.

Reagan G. Scullock
For JAMES F. X. O'CONNELL
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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EXTRACT FROM STATUS REPORT # 1

DATE: 17 Sept 51

TIME (Local): 1217

LOCATION: Marion, Ohio

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: Few Sec.

SOUND: None

SPEED: High

ALTITUDE: 2800'

HEADING: 50°

SOURCE: Private Pilot

ACTION OR COMMENTS: Probably friendly conventional a/c

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: Pilot of Cessna reported that he almost collided with a black, high tailed swept wing aircraft.